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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXCHANGE OF VIEWS RE MAJOR ISSUES AT FORTHCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL, SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 16, 1974

REF: STATE 121894

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED ICAO ASSEMBLY MEETING AND MAJOR ISSUE WITH MINFORAFFAIRS OFFICIALS (DE VOGLAERE AND PERDIEUS, DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION) ON JUNE 28. BELGIANS REPEATED THEIR INTEREST IN INFORMAL CONSULTATION PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY MEETING. BILATERAL CHANNEL PERFECLY ACCEPTABLE TO THEM.

2. MAJOR PORTION OF DISCUSSION CENTERED ON PROPOSAL TO REVISE COMPOSITION OF PERMENANT ICAO COUNCIL. PERDIEUS EMPHASIZED AGAIN (SEE BRUSSELS 1302) THAT BELGIAN MOTIVATION IN PROPOSING THREE SEAT INCREASE IN SIZE OF COUNCIL IS TACTICAL;DESIGNED TO FORESTALL MORE FAR REACHING (AND EVEN MORE UNACCEPTABLE) PROPOSALS BY THE LDC'S (E.G. THE SENGALESE). THEY ACCEPT THE LOGIC OF USG ARGUMENTS (PARTICULARLY THE NEED FOR FURTHER EXPERIENCE WITH
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THE PRESENTLY ORGANIZED COUNCIL) BUT INSIST THAT THE

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U.S. POSITION MISJUDGES THE PRESSURE BUILDING UP AMONG
THE LDC'S. BELGIANS FEEL THEIR PROPOSAL (OR SOMETHING
SIMILAR) WOULD SATISFY THE MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES SEEKING
FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE COUNCIL WITHOUT DRASTICALLY
CHANGING THE NATURE OF THE ICAO GOVERNING BODY.

3. AT THE END OF DISCUSSION DE VOGELAERE STRESSED THAT
GOB COUNTS ON USG SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN DESIRE TO
RETAIN SEAT ON COUNCIL.

4. ON OTHER SUBJECTS EXCEPT HIJACKING PROBLEM
BELGIANS LISTENED TO EXPOSITION OF USG VIEWS WITHOUT
MAKIMG SPECIFIC REPLY OR COMMENT ALTHOUGH THIS GAVE
EMBOFF IMPRESSION (NODDING OF HEAD,AFFIRMATIVE GRUNTS,
ETC.) THAT GOB IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USG POSITIONS.
IN REGARD TO HIJACKING ISSUE BELGIANS SAID THEY MOST DEFINITELY
AGREENT WITH U.S. VIEWS AND POINTED TO STRONG
INTERNAL LAWS ON SUBJECT.FIRESTONE

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